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CLOSURE OF THE SOUTHWEST SECTION OF THE KODIAK DISTRICT

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-S-7-12

All waters of the Southwest Section of the Kodiak District will close to Tanner crab fishing at **12:00 NOON on Monday, January 23, 2012**. Voluntary catch reports indicate the total section guideline harvest level will be attained at the time of the closure.

All pots remaining within the Southwest Section must be unbaited at the time of the closure. Unbaited pots may be stored in the closed area in waters deeper than 25 fathoms for 72 hours. After 72 hours, all pots remaining in the closed area must be placed in waters shallower than 25 fathoms. **Crabs harvested from the Southwest Section must be delivered within 24 hours of the closure.**

To change section registration, vessel operators must contact the department in person, or by dispatch, or telephone.

For further details, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Kodiak (907)486-1840.